

**REMARKS**

**Introduction**

In response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2008, Applicants have amended claims 4 and 6. The limitations of claim 3, previously dependent upon claim 1, have been incorporated into claim 1, and claim 3 cancelled. Claim 6 has been amended editorially. Claims 1-3 have been cancelled. Claims 9-13 withdrawn. Care has been taken to avoid the introduction of new matter. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 5-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants note the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance included on page 4 of the Office Action. Entry of that Statement into the record should not be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence by Applicants in the reasoning stated by the Examiner. The Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be used to interpret the cited claims, particularly to the extent if any that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance may differ from the express language of the claims and/or the otherwise proper construction of those claims. It is respectfully submitted that the allowed claims should be entitled the broadest reasonable interpretation and broadest range of equivalents that are appropriate in light of the language of the claims and the supporting disclosure, without reference to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

**Claim Objection**

Claim 6 is objected to because of informalities, specifically for reciting the phrase “formed by bending.”

Applicants respectfully submit that the objection is moot in view of the foregoing amendment of claim 6, as suggested by the Examiner.

**Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,907,151 to Gramann et al.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 5. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 is solicited.

**Conclusion**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this application should be allowed and the case passed to issue. If there are any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite the prosecution of the application.

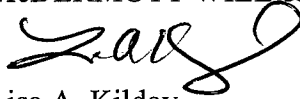
To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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